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#### Word on the street...

#### "Who are your picks for Super Bowl XXXVII?"



CW3 Jeff Hill Apache Pilot 1-183rd Aviation

"Oakland Raiders because of Rich Gannon or Tampa Bay because of their coach."



Sgt. 1st Class Frank Miller Tank Systems Specialist .JMA

"The Philidelphia Eagles are definitely going to win the Super Bowl because this is their year and they're going all the way."



Staff Sgt. Cameron Eichen LNO Driver HHC, 28th Inf. Div.

"The Green Bay Packers, which is my daughter's team, are going to win."



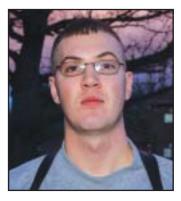
Spc. Lorenzo North Driver HHT, 104th Cav.

"Philadelphia Eagles because they're a better team. They won five games straight with their third-string quarterback."



Spc. Jared Lorenzo Driver A Co., 1-109th Infantry

"The Giants or the Jets.
The Giants are playing tough
and the Jets have their
defense down."



Spc. Robert Watts Medic HHC, 1-109th Infantry

"The Steelers and Eagles because Kordell's gone and the Steelers have a good defense. The Eagles also have a good defense and are playing well."



About the covers: Front, Spc. Meredith Smith, cashier, 220th Finance Det., counts Euros for a soldier at the finance office on Eagle Base. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Luster. Back, The most recent informational poster for Persons Indicted for War Crimes. Courtesy of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.



## **Multinational Division (N) changes** name but mission stays the same

Story and photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Luster

Editor, 354th MPAD

**EAGLE BASE, Bosnia and Herzegovina** — The changing of the New Year brought forth another transition for soldiers serving in Operation Joint Forge, the NATO-led peacekeeping effort in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Multinational Division (North) was redesignated as Multinational Brigade (North) during an official ceremony held Jan. 3, 2003. The name change was effective Jan. 1.

The name change is the result of downsizing and restructuring of the Stabilization Forces during the last year. As Bosnia and Herzegovina becomes a more safe and secure environment, the role of Stabilization Force soldiers is being modified.

Brig. Gen John T. von Trott, MNB (N) commander, retired the colors of Multinational Division (North) and replaced the guidon with the Multinational Brigade (North) colors. "Today, we shall see the fruits of this sustained multinational effort. Multinational Division (North), our partners in the international community, and the Bosnian people themselves — have all laid the groundwork for a promising and prosperous future. Now in a focused and deliber-



Brig. Gen. John T. von Trott, commander, Multinational Brigade (North), unfurls the new MNB (N) colors during the official transition ceremony held Jan. 3, 2003.

ate way, Multinational Brigade (North) will continue in that commitment. 'Roll on!'," said von Trott.

Currently, there are approximately 3,200 troops stationed in MNB (N) including soldiers from Russia, Turkey, Denmark, Finland, Slovenia, Portugal, Poland, Italy and the United States. Despite the name change, troop numbers will remain virtually the same.

According to Col. Jerry Beck, deputy commander, MNB (N), the biggest changes are where multinational forces supporting SFOR are located and their areas of responsibility.

"The numbers aren't really changing much at all," said Beck. "Some of the troops are shifting from one place to The Danish another. Contingent has moved from the Nordic-Polish Battle Group to Eagle Base. The Portuguese and Slovenian contingents have relocated to Camp Doboi and are now part of the Multinational Battle Group." The Multinational Battle Group replaces the Nordic-Polish Battle Group.

Other changes that will occur are areas of responsibility. According to Beck, soldiers in the Multinational Battle Group will start patrolling an area previously held by the 28th Infantry Division's 104th Cav. and the Danish Contingent will inherit three opstinas from the 109th Inf.

When SFOR began in 1996, there were more than 60,000 multinational troops, including approximately 20,000 from the United States. Today, the number has dropped to about 12,000 Stabilization Force soldiers, of which 1,800 are U.S. forces

The U.S. contingent of SFOR is comprised nearly entirely of National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers. The Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 28th Inf. Div. is the headquarters element for Multinational Brigade (N) and contributes more than 1,200 soldiers to the cause including the two maneuver task forces. Reserve component units from throughout the country are supplementing Task Force Eagle.

Lt. Gen. William E. Ward, Stabilization Forces Commander, addressed the assembly of soldiers during the change over ceremony. "The transition should be seen as a symbol of success for SFOR but more importantly for the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina," Ward said. "SFOR's successes have only been made possible by the efforts and sacrifices of its most precious resource the soldiers, Marines, sailors, and airmen."

## Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King J

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the USO announces a poetry-writing contest. The theme of the contest is the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The contest is open to anyone. All entries must be received by Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003. Prizes will be awarded Jan. 20, Dr. King's birthday. In addition to receiving an award for the best | warded to you. Good Luck!

poem, the winner's piece will be published in the following issue of the Talon. Email entries to: Linda.Lorenzana@emailtc3.5sigcmd.army.mil. If you are not located on Eagle Base and should happen to be chosen as the winner, be sure to include your location so that your award may be for-

## KMs and Kunas and Euros, Oh my!

Story by Spc. Jessica Abner

Assistant Editor, 354th MPAD

EAGLE BASE, Bosnia and Herzegovina — When you go to finance it's usually because you are running low on cash and want to obtain some hard-earned money. You may only see the teller for a few minutes, collect your money, and rush out the door. What people may not know when they visit the Eagle Base finance office is there are 26 soldiers working for you — their fellow soldiers, and without them, we would not enjoy the benefits of having cash on-hand.

The 220th Finance Det. from Mississippi is the equivalent of your local bank. The detachment is divided into four sections—dispersing, pay team, MILPAY (military pay), and cashiers—to service your finance needs. The responsibility for paying the many contractors and vendors working for SFOR on Eagle Base falls upon the dispersing section. According to Sgt. 1st Class Leon Sanders, dispersing NCOIC, he accounts for all transactions and handles about 2 million dollars a day. He admits his job was a little stressful at first.

"At first it was stressful because I was afraid of being in charge of so much, but now I'm completely comfortable with it," said Sanders, who originally spent countless nights balancing his figures. Now, he loves his job and would like to take what he's learned from this deployment and possibly pursue and career in accounting. "It's fun, challenging and new. I love numbers and that's why it's so interesting."

If you live on Eagle Base, taking care of finance issues is as simple as walking to the finance office. But, how do you think the soldiers located at Camp McGovern, and Forward Operating Bases Conner and Morgan get by? Without the pay team,

which is essentially a mobile finance office going from post to post, soldiers outside Eagle Base would have to travel here to obtain money.

"They do a great job considering the environment. They are given a table and then put in a building or office somewhere to set up their mobile finance office," said 1st Lt. Dana Pierce, cash control officer. "If it weren't for the pay team, there wouldn't be military pay or financial support for the soldiers at Morgan, McGovern, Conner. They'd have to take time off to come to Eagle Base." He said the pay team is armed with laptops, scanners, and power supplies, to meet soldiers financial needs at any loca-

As the financial support team NCOIC, Sgt.

Michael Anderson realizes he has an important job becasue the soldiers that go on missions and patrols don't always have the chance to eat at the dining facility, so they stop to eat on the economy. Ander-

son also said it's good for morale.

"Ilove my job. Sometimes soldiers will stop by and talk because we're a different face," said Anderson. "I feel good about supporting soldiers and being there for them, making sure they get what they need or deserve. I stress being there for them because they're out on the front lines."

The MILPAY section handles soldier's pay inquiries. Sgt. Jamie Allen, Reserve pay NCOIC, fixes any prob-



by Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Luster

A soldier stands outside the cash cage as he is assisted by a cashier. Customers hours are from 9 to 5 Monday through Friday and 9 to 2 on Saturday. The finance office is closed Sundays.

lems with soldiers' pay.

"I work with the Guard and Reserve since they make up the majority of soldiers on post. I do pay inquiries, inputs, and anytime anything is rejected, we rework the paperwork and find out how we can input that information," said Allen.

Allen, who considers herself a "people person," works in customer service back home in Jackson, Miss., as well. She said she loves her jobs, civilian and military, because she meets new people. With all the people she's encountered, she realizes she can't make everyone happy all the time.

"With a bad attitude, no one can help you. Sometimes I have to let the customer know, whether it's back home or here, that this is my office and in order for me to assist you in any way then you have to work with me," said Allen. "I like working with people and anytime someone has a problem that I can solve — that's probably the best feeling."

For some of us, the "best feeling" might



by Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Luster

Sgt. Alexjandre Bell, cashier, ensures soldiers receive their money when they visit finance.

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be having large sums of money in our hands. The cashiers at the finance office sign for more than \$30,000 every morning. Of course, it is not their's to keep; however, they are liable for this large amount of currency. According to Pierce, without the cashiers no one on Eagle Base could cash a check or maintain their Eagle cash card.

"It's very demanding for my cashiers and without them, you wouldn't have any money on this base," said Pierce. He also said that people don't realize that after finance closes, the cashiers are still at work. "Realize that we open at 9 o'clock in the morning and according to the sign on the door, we close at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. We may lock the door at 5 o'clock, but the lobby may still be full and my cashiers will be here until 6 o'clock at night after they've been here all day on their feet," said Pierce.

"Unfortunately, half of the customers that come in here are irritated so my cashiers constantly hear 'hurry' and 'why can't you do this for me' — they deal with this everyday."

Pierce also said that the cashiers have to have an even balance down right to the penny. "If the soldiers are short, they are written up and the money is extracted from their own pay. Now that is pressure," said Pierce, who is very pleased with the cashiers due to their kind and courteous work ethic. "They do a great job."

Sgt. Alexjandre Bell, cashier, was initially a little nervous about being responsible for such a large amount of money. "You sign for a large sum of money and if you're short 50 cents, you're accountable for 50 cents, if you're short \$100, you're accountable for \$100," said Bell. "I'm used

to dealing with money and after a while you get comfortable with it. You also have to get used to the different currency."

Bell also said when the job is done he still catches himself counting. "Even when you're finished, in you're mind you're thinking about transactions you did earlier. You wouldn't believe how much money

you counted in one particular transaction," said Bell. He also has is own way of dealing with the not-so-friendlypeople he encounters on the job. "I do my job and I do it the best way I can. How do I deal with attitude and personality conflicts? I am polite and smile," said Bell. "Even when someone does something to throw me off balance, I just smile."

The soldiers working in finance have been meeting the financial needs of their fellow soldiers throughout SFOR XII. According to Pierce, this has been the best finance training they have ever received because unless finance specialists are continually in a deployed environment, they rarely encounter the minimal equipment or opportunity to work with this much cash or as many customers.

"This deployment has taught us what we

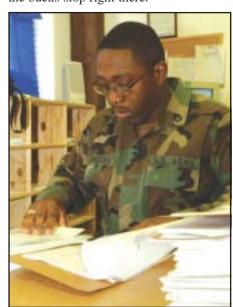


by Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Luster

Sgt. Jamie Allen, Reserve pay NCOIC, talks to a soldier about a pay inquiry.

were supposed to know for the past 10 years," said Pierce. He also said there are many rewarding aspects of the job. "I find it rewarding being able to help the soldiers who find themselves in stressful situations, such as taking emergency leave. No one needs to worry about finances when they have a family member that may have been killed," said Pierce. "They leave here knowing their finances are straight because they know finance will hook them up and they won't have to worry about getting money. I find that pretty satisfying."

Not only does finance take care of personal money matters, they also enjoy working with people and supporting the troops at Eagle Base and the surrounding camps. So, the next time you look at the soldiers in the cash cage, remember that without their smiling faces and fingertips on the funds, the bucks stop right there.



by Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Luster

Sgt. Leon Sanders, dispersing NCOIC, maintains fund accountability.



by Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Luster

2Lt. James Triplett, deputy dispersing officer, counts the cash in the vault. He accounts for over \$2 million a day in several different currencies.

## Active Harvest continues in MNB (N) with the destruction of weapons

by Nedima Hadziibrisevic

Media Specialist, Task Force Eagle Public Affairs Office

**ZVORNIK**, Bosnia and Herzegovina — Active Harvest campaigns are an important aspect of Stabilization Force's mandate through the Dayton Peace Accord to provide a safe and secure environment in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

At least every 90 days weapons collected during Harvest programs are destroyed, getting lethal and sometimes unsafe weapons and munitions off the streets. Recently, the V Corps VRS "Omladinsko Naselje Karakaj" weapons storage site just outside Zvornik served as a destruction site.

Approximately 300 weapons collected by Task Force Blue Steel soldiers of the 109th Infantry and others voluntarily turned in by citizens either to the police or other responsible authorities, were broken and mangled beyond repair using a T-55 tank by V Corps soldiers from 503rd Brigade, 513th Brigade and 55th Mixed Artillery Regiment.

The weapons ranged from handmade rifles and pistols to semi-automatic machine guns and grenade launchers. V Corps soldiers, maintaining them separately from any of their own military weapons, provided security for the Harvest bounty.

According to Col. Barry Reynolds, chief, Joint MilitaryAffairs, the VRS troops are doing a very professional job in accurately accounting for and securing each of these weapons that have been turned in.

Before every weapon was rendered inoperable, Capt. Andrew Barrow, Joint Military Affairs Training and Movement Evaluation Teams officer in charge, conducted an inspection to see if there were any discrepancies with the inventory.

"My responsibility is accounting for the weapons, getting all the weapons in one centralized location, monitoring the de-



by Capt. Glenn Henderson

A VRS soldier guides a T-55 Tank over the Active Harvest weapons cache. An inspector certifed the destruction of the weapons afterward.

struction of the weapons, and certifying that they are being destroyed," said Barrow. This is the fourth event of its kind that Barrow has overseen since he arrived in Bosnia. The number of weapons destroyed from this harvest's collection was the largest, according to Barrow.

After the weapons were inspected, a 35-ton T-55 tank drove over each line of weapons at least twice to ensure they were properly destroyed.

"They will look over each of these to make sure they are sufficiently broken up so they cannot be used," said Reynolds.

Following the destruction, VRS soldiers carefully examined every piece of weaponry before turning them over to a private contractor to be recycled for scrap metal.

Barrow said he is very satisfied and impressed with the professional working relationship with VRS. "They are very cooperative, especially on these Harvest operations," he said. "At this particular site I

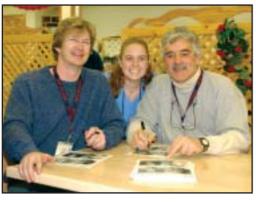
find a great deal of cooperation. It is a very good joint effort between SFOR and VRS."

Activities like this have a significant impact on the overall situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina because the weapons were in the hands of civilians.

"It contributes to that essential safe and secure environment that we are all looking for," added Reynolds.

The Harvest programs throughout Multinational Brigade (North) area of operations have been an enormously successful accomplishment, removing thousands of dangerous weapons and ammunition from the streets.

Turkish Bn. soldiers are conducting Active Harvest collection activities in January and will be followed by Task Force Blue Steel in FebruaryThe next Active Harvest will continue in February by Task Force Blue Steel. "There are still lots of weapons and explosives out there," said Reynolds. "Active Harvest is continuing."



Soldiers had the opportunity to shake hands with American actors during a recent USO sponsored handshake tour. Bill Brochtrup, NYPD Blue, Dennis Farina, Snatch, Sheri Saum, One Life to Live, and James Avery, The Fresh Prince of Bel Air, all visited Multinational Brigade (North) over the holidays. Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Luster.



### Eagle Base band rocks in 2003

Story by Spc. Jessica Abner

Assistant Editor, 354th MPAD

EAGLE BASE, Bosnia and Herzegovina — With a variety of hits ranging from the Rolling Stones to Elvis Presley and Sublime, four Task Force Talon soldiers from the 1-183rd Aviation rocked Peacekeeper's Hall to entertain troops on several occasions.

Sgt. Joe Bagley, Staff Sgt. Matt Robbins, Sgt. Joe Cardella, and CW3 Vic Figlioulo have traded in their flight suits for drums and guitars for drums and guitars to form the band, Mur.

It all started when soldiers from SFOR XI informed their replacements of an existing band on Eagle Base. The members were hopeful there would be another band to continue the tradition. MWR's Rayvaun "Smitty" Smith and Ed Winters had about a month to get ready for the holiday performance. Two of us are on day crew and two of us are on night crew, so we had to meet in the middle and start playing really early in the morning," said Figioulo.

One band member, Cardella, who is the bassist, is actually just beginning to play. "I wanted to do something while I was away from home. After I found out the guys played the drums and guitar, I thought maybe they could show me a few things, but I'm still learning," said Cardella.

"Cardella's a very good beginner. He just learned to play and gets on stage in front of people — it's something that doesn't happen," said Robbins, drummer and guitarist.

What does happen is "movin', groovin' rock and roll." The four soldiers, who normally fly and maintain Black Hawk helicopters, turn their attention

> to music when not focused on a military mission. Eventually they got the opportunity to show the rest of Eagle Base what they've been doing in their spare time.

> "The Christmas show was alright. It was our first time playing in front of people and my first time on stage," said Cardella. When New Year's rolled around, it was time for Mur to put on an encore performance. According to the band, the New Year's Eve performance was better than their first. Prior to

the New Year's countdown, the band performed for soldiers for the second time The New Year's celebration called for a good time and the crowd cheered and sang along while Mur played tunes from a variety of artists including Rage Against the Machine and Guns N' Roses.



Band members Sgt. Joe Cardella, Sgt. Joe Bagley, and Staff Sgt. Matt Robbins get together for an early morning practice. They play songs from a variety of artists.

band received the reaction they wanted from the crowd when they rock and rolled the New Year's celebration. "It ended up being like a rock concert," said Bagley.

"We all bring energy to the table and you know, you can have someone get up there and play the notes perfectly, but if they don't get up out of their chair, then the crowd isn't going to react," said Robbins. He also said the crowd had just as much to do with making New Year's such a great night as the band did. "I just want to thank the crowd and we would also like to thank our agent, Lt. Col. Michael J. Garshak.'

While it may look easy, the band members say being in a band is tough as well as rewarding. "We love what we do, but it's not easy," said Cardella. Bagley, who is a member of a band back home in Albany, New York, agreed "A band is the hardest work, I don't care what anybody says."

"It's good to be around people who know what they're doing," said Cardella, who as a newcomer, relies on his fellow band members for instruction and leadership.

Throughout musical history bands like Aerosmith have withstood the test of time, yet bands such as the Beatles have unfortunately split up after rising to the top of musical charts. While the band knows the end | Eagle Base.

of the road will arrive in March, the quartet is trying to enjoy the "fame" while it lasts.

"The hardest thing is being able to find four people who can get along to play in a band together. There really is no ego here. We're all in Bosnia, and we are trying to have as much fun as we can while we're here," said Robbins.

According to the band members, one of the most rewarding aspects is entertaining the soldiers. "The soldiers are the main reason we do it," said Cardello.

Future performances are in the works. According to Bagley, soldiers can look forward to seeing the band rock Eagle Base and perform again for soldiers within the next month.

"If you can help a buddy out and make them laugh and have a good time, that's great," said Robbins.

These soldiers refrain from the description "all work and no play." While stationed here in Bosnia they find time from their busy work schedules to maintain a bond bringing entertainment to fellow soldiers and comrades. They accomplish this while keeping the helicopters flying. When Task Force Talon band members near the end of SFOR XII, they too, will approach their incoming replacements about upholding the musical tradition here on



by Spc. Ivan Russell

CW3 Vic Figlioulo rocks with Mur at Peacekeeper's Hall during last week's New Years celebration.

provided the four SFOR XII soldiers with instruments and a place to practice.

"Smitty and Ed totally came through for us and got us all this equipment and a room to practice," said Bagley, who is the vocalist and guitar player.

The band practices everyday during the early morning hours when most soldiers at Eagle Base are still in bed. "We

"We wanted everybody to have a good time," said Bagley, who is a Black Hawk crew chief when he's not playing. The





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# PERSONS PUBLICLY INDICTED BY THE ICTY FOR WAR CRIMES

Warrants for their arrest have been issued by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

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BEARA, Ljubiša (Son of Jovan) Born: 14.07.39 Sarajevo No known alias



BOBETKO, Janko (Son of Ivan) Bom: 10-01-19 Cmac, Sisak, Creatia No known alias



BOROVČANIN, Ljubomir (Son of Milorad) Born: 27-02-60 Han Pijesak Alins: Ljubisa



BOROVNICA, Goran (Son of Mladen) Born: 15-08-65 Kozarac, Prijedor No knewn alias



GOTOVINA. Ante (Son of Milan) Born: 12-10-55 Pasman Island, Croatia No known alias



JANKOVIĆ, Gojko (Son of Danilo) Born: 31-10-54 Trbuse, Foca Municipality Alias Hadzija



KARADŽIĆ, Radovan (Son of Vuk) Bom: 19-46-45 Petnjica Alias: Raša



KOVAČEVIĆ, Vladimir Born: 15-01-61 No known P.O.B. Alias: Rambo



LUKIĆ, Milan (Son of Mile) Bont: 06-09-67 Rujiste, Višegrad No known alias



LUKIĆ. Sredoje (Son of Djordje) Bom: 05-04-61 Rujiste, Višegrad No known alias



MEAKIĆ, Željko (Son of Blagoje) Bom: 02-08-64 Petniw Guj, Prijedor Alias: Mejakić, Meagid



MILOŠEVIĆ, Dragomir (Son of Milocal) Bont 04-02-42 Morgas, Ub Municipality No known alias



MHLUTINOVIĆ, Milan Bom: 19-12-42 Belgrade No known alias



MLADIĆ. Ratko (Son of Nedjo) Born; 12-03-42 Božanovići No known alias



NIKOLIĆ, Drago (Son of Pedrag) Bom: 09.11.57 Brana Bacic, Bratunac Ne known alias



PANDUREVIĆ, Vinko (Son of Jovan) Bom: 25-06-59 Jasik, Sokoloc Municipality No kongaradies



POPOVIĆ, Vujadin (Son of Vićemije) Bom: 14.03.57 Popovići, Šekovići No known alias



RADIC, Miroslav (Son of Rala) Born: 10-09-62 Zemun Alias: Krkan



RAJIĆ. Ivica Born: 05-05-58 Johovuc, Kiseljak Alias: Viktor Andrić



RAŠEVIĆ, Mitar (Son of Dorde) Bonn: 01-01-40 Cagust, Foča No known alias



SLJIVANČANIN, Veselin Born: 13-06-53 Pave2 / Zabljak Alias: Slivo / The Black Knight of Vukovar



TODOVIĆ, Savo (Son of Vladimir) Born: 11-12-52 Rijeka, Foča Municipality No known alias



ZELENOVIĆ. Dragan (Sou of Bogdan) Bont: 12-02-01 Foča Alias: Zeljo, Zelja, Zelenić



ZUPLJANIN. Stojan (Son of Aleksandar) Born: 22-09-51 Maslovare, Kotor Varoš No known alias